

# BETHEL MATTERS

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## PRAYER

BROCK YOUNGREN

In March we kicked off our new vision for Bethel. I am very excited about it, as I truly believe that God has great things in store for us – what those things are, I do not know, but God is at work and His work of redeeming people is great. We know what we are seeking to accomplish, but now we must focus on how we are going to do it.

*Bethel seeks to be a place where people can heal, so that together we can grow, for the purpose of outreach to our neighbors.*

How do we make this happen? How do we cause the healing, growing, and redemption that we want to see? **We don't.** You and I cannot make these things happen. God asks us to give opportunity for these to happen, but He does not ask us to accomplish them. God is the healer of people. God is the one who makes people grow. God is the one who brings people to a saving faith in Him. So, if God (as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) is the central mover in these areas, what exactly should we do?

**We pray.** We acknowledge our desperate need for Him to be the causer of success. We ask him to work through

us. We come before Him because He loves us and wants to use us for His purposes. If we do not center ourselves on prayer, then we are ultimately trying to accomplish the task of building His Kingdom on our own, which is a weight that we were never meant to carry. So, what does it mean to focus on prayer? In short, we need to see Bethel become a place of prayer. I do not mean that it is a place where people pray, for that is already what we do. I do not mean that it is a place where we talk about the power of prayer, for we already know that.

We need to go to the Lord together. Pray together for the Lord to work through us. Prayer needs to not just be a step in what we do; it needs to be the first step in what we do;

it needs to be the central piece of what we do. All our planning, doing, hoping, and efforts need to be centered on prayer. We need to pray.

We need to pray individually. We need to pray corporately. Our goal is to give more and more opportunities for prayer, please consider joining us. Some of the prayer will be in groups, some will be individual, but we need to pray.

What ideas do you have for how we could incorporate prayer into our ministry at Bethel?

Let Brock or one of the staff know!

# Vacation Bible School

June 12th-16th  
9am-noon

**Calling All Kids and Volunteers!**

*Kids ages 4yrs- going into 5th Grade*




Register here

## NEW MEMBERS


In March, we welcomed 2 new members into our church family! They are Madi Kytta & Wayne McCray. Take a moment to welcome them! If you are interested in Membership or learning more about Bethel, contact Lynn Miller.




# CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE


APRIL-AUGUST  
CO-ED, FAMILY FRIENDLY

CONTACT MIRANDA MILLIN FOR MORE INFORMATION

# Bethel Women's Retreat



*Seeking the Light*  
*U.P Bible Camp*  
*May 19-21, 2023*

*Speakers: Susie Van Ryn & Lisa Van Ryn*

## PRAYER WALK

APRIL 2 AT 5:30 P

Bethel congregation is invited to an Easter greeting and prayer walk around the neighborhood near the church. The goal is to meet our neighbors, hand out goodies, and invite folks to check out our Easter service!



## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

APRIL 7 AT 6 P

Join us for a multi-church Good Friday Service here at Bethel!



## EASTER SERVICES

APRIL 9

- 6:45am Sunrise Service at Presque Isle
- 9:00am Worship Service with Livestream
- 9:30am Breakfast
- 11:30am Worship Service



## GARDENING 101

APRIL 15 AT 10 A

Ladies, join us for a morning of learning about gardening in the U.P. as Yvonne Leaf helps us prepare for this season in the garden! Register on our website.

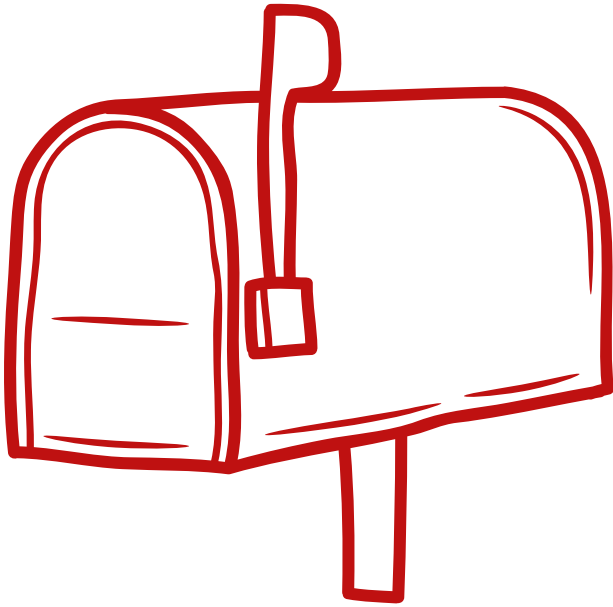


# AWANA FAIR

APRIL 24 AT 6 P

Come one, come all to the AWANA Fair! A volunteer sign-up sheet is located in the church office.





*A huge THANK YOU to the families that signed up to bring a meal to the Gilbertsen family and the Snow family. Your meals have been appreciated by both of these families and also by me. If you haven't signed up, there are still a couple of dates available.*

*Ann Steede,  
meal coordinator*

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Emily & Gabe Kloet on the birth of their daughter, Grace Josephine Nevin Kloet. She was born March 19th at 5:25 pm. 8 lbs 1 Oz. and 20 in. long.

Caden Steede for qualifying at the state finals for the national competition of Business Professionals of America to be held in Anaheim, California. He and other state qualifiers will be representing Michigan in the National Competition. Good Luck, Caden.

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Prayer Walk  
April 2  
5:30 P

Good Friday Service  
April 9  
6 P

Ladies' Gardening 101  
April 15  
10 A

AWANA Fair  
April 24  
6 P

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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2 Eric & Bethany Jentoft A  
3 Casseline Haehnel  
4 Lynn Hintsala, Heather Korpela, Jared Linna  
5 Dianne Kosa  
9 Gage Dahlstrom  
11 Benjamin Mauser  
14 Cindy Larson  
15 Nicole Steppke  
20 Paul Conklin, John & Christi Edge A, Ryan Giroux  
21 Diane Kytta, Sharon Nelson-Curtice  
22 Jonathan Dale  
23 Dan & Karen Freeborn  
25 Susan Michels  
27 Oliver Saberniak  
28 Sofie Boyer  
29 Diane Case  
30 Marlee Miron, Mallory Nye, Bob & Julie Wilkinson A

April